

People

FIRSTGROUP

FirstGroup have appointed **Jeremy Long** as the new managing director of the company's rail division, replacing **Dean Finch**, who was promoted to FirstGroup plc's board as commercial director.

Long will take charge of all the company's existing UK passenger and freight rail operations. Finch will retain responsibility for new rail business and re-franchising.

Long is currently Chief Executive of GB Railways, which was acquired by FirstGroup last autumn.

First Great Western have also announced the replacement of **Chris Kinchen Smith** as managing director. **Alison Forster**, a career railway woman and formerly First Great Western's Director and General Manager (Safety and Performance) will take over the role.

A graduate of the London School of Economics, she joined the British Railways Board's graduate training scheme in 1980.

CHILTERN RAILWAYS,

Chiltern Railways, have announced that **Cath Proctor**, currently sales and marketing director, will become managing director of Chiltern railways on a permanent basis.

Proctor has worked at Chiltern for 10 years and replaces Steve Murphy, who will leave the company shortly to begin a secondment with Irish Rail in the role of general manager, Southern and Western.

NATIONAL EXPRESS GROUP

National Express Group has announced the appointment of **Tim Clarke** to the position of managing director of its newly-acquired Greater Anglia franchise. Clarke was previously the MD at Anglia Railways under both GB Railways and more recently First Group, until the franchise was won by National Express.

The appointment offers a high level of continuity and experience - Clarke has worked on the Anglia passenger operations for more than a decade.

Network Rail has announced a number of appointments. The new functional organisation is being developed around routes and territories. The key personnel that will be working within this new structure are the route directors.

They are **Ron McAulay** - Scotland **Robbie Burns** - London North Western **John Curley** - Western **Mark Phillips** - Anglia **David Pape** - Wessex **Dave Ward** - Kent In addition, **Barbara Barnes** is appointed to the new role of Head of Customer Service. This role combines both Freight and Passenger Business and will report to Director, Operations & Customer Services.

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The company has also announced that **Mark Hopwood** will be the new operations director at its London Lines. He joins from FirstGroup PLC where, for three years, he was operations director for First North Western.

Hopwood has nearly 15 years' experience in the UK rail industry and will report to **Andrew Chivers**, managing director, Londonlines, and takes responsibility for six route directors as well as train planning and performance management.

MIDLAND MAINLINE

Midland Mainline has announced the appointment of **Paul Bunting** as managing director.

Bunting joins from Stagecoach, where he was business development director for its UK Bus division. He has more than 20 years' experience in the rail industry, having started his career as a British Rail graduate. Previously he was director of station operations and retail sales at InterCity West Coast and more recently commercial director at First North Western.

FRASER EAGLE

Fraser Eagle, rail replacement services company, has appointed **Sean English** to the new post of business development manager, Scotland.

English joins Fraser Eagle from GNER where he was station operations manager for North East England and Scotland, based in Edinburgh.

Neil Atkins, commercial director, Fraser Eagle Management Services commented: 'We need a knowledgeable, transport professional, on-the-spot to handle our growing business in Scotland where Fraser Eagle is contracted to ScotRail, Virgin Trains and GNER. Sean will be looking after customers in the rail and aviation industries on a day-to-day basis.'

English has 16 years' experience in the passenger rail sector. Before taking over the role of station operations manager he was GNER's business manager Scotland.

BIRSE RAIL

Birse Rail has strengthened its Project Delivery capability with the appointment of two new regional business Managers.

Paul Whitehead joins to fill the role of business manager responsible for Birse Rail's portfolio of telecoms work, including a package of works for Network Rail's Fixed Telecoms Network, worth around £25m.

Simon Bradbury has joined as Business Manager for projects in the Midlands and South responsible for the ongoing Cherwell Valley Resignalling Scheme and redevelopment of Wolverhampton Station.

PORTERBROOK

Porterbrook Leasing Company Limited has appointed **Lee Doggett**

commercial manager, London & South East.

Previously a Regional Railways fleet engineer, he will be responsible for all commercial matters relating to Porterbrook customers in the former Network South East area.

Neil Bennett, previously commercial manager at London and Continental, has now taken over responsibility for forward management of Porterbrook's European train leases.

Roger Tunncliffe, Lambert Smith Hampton's (LSH) chief executive of the Transport Division, has been appointed head of the property consultancy's London Office.

Tunncliffe will fulfil his role as regional director London in tandem with his Transport responsibilities.

He joined LSH as national head of Transport in 1998 following 28 years at British Rail and was appointed deputy head of LSH London in early 2003.

At British Rail, Tunncliffe ultimately became director of estate management and was the principal advisor of the board on disaggregation of the railway.



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